



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 18, 2017 CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Saturday at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Saturday 7:00 am

No 8:00 am Mass for Summer

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS:

Check Bulletin For Mass Times

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of each month (with exposition) following 7:00 am Mass concluding at 2:00 pm with Benediction

Subsequent Tuesday of each month (without exposition) 7:00 am to 2:30 pm

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50 am

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00 am Mass on

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday;
and 4:00 pm to 4:25 pm on Saturday

ROSARY

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church

THE MOST
HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD
OF CHRIST

June 18, 2017

*The bread that we break,
is it not a participation
in the body of Christ?*

*Because the loaf
of bread is one,
we, though many,
are one body,
for we all partake
of the one loaf.*

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17



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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, June 19th

7:00 pm - Tobias Room Finance Council
7:00 pm - Raphael Room School Board

Tuesday, June 20th

1:30 pm - Parish Office Bible Study
7:00 pm - Cafeteria Men's Club
7:00 pm - Church Rosary Rct.

Wednesday, June 21st

9:00 am - Quilters' Room Quilters

Thursday, June 22nd

2:00 pm - School Dance Class
7:00 pm - Church Cont. Music Group

Friday, June 23rd

7:00 am - Church Mass

Saturday, June 24th

7:00 am - Church Mass
4:30 pm - Church Mass

Sunday, June 25th

8:00 am - Church Mass
10:00 am - Church Mass



PARISH INFORMATION

Registration of New Members: Please call the Parish Office to register.

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for Baptismal instructions and to arrange a Baptismal date.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date to begin the Church process of marriage preparation.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.): Please call the Parish Office for information.

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST ("CORPUS CHRISTI") – TODAY!

The fact that the Church celebrates this day as a "solemnity," not just a feast day, makes good sense, given the Eucharist's centrality in the life of the Church. Holy Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ is the climax of the celebration of Mass. Let's celebrate this mystery of the Real Presence of Christ in the form of bread and wine. This is why we come to celebrate the Eucharist faithfully every week. How can we get by without the presence of Christ in our heart and soul? We cannot is the simple answer. Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is really too pass up!

At the end of the 10am Mass we begin our annual Corpus Christi procession as a way of renewing our belief in the mysterious presence of Christ in this Blessed Sacrament. We are setting two outdoor altars – one in front of the gym for people on Jamieson to see and one in front of the rectory for the neighborhood to see. As we process joyfully singing hymns of praise in streets of our community, it allows us to express our gratitude to the Lord for nourishing us with his love through his Body and Blood, and lets the world know that we as Catholics are proud of our Blessed Sacrament – the Holy Eucharist.

TODAY IS ALSO FATHER'S DAY – BLESSINGS ON ALL THE FATHERS OF OUR PARISH!

Today we are reminded to be grateful for the gift of fatherhood – that of our own father giving us life, and if we are so privileged, to be a proud father. As your pastor, I take seriously the traditional title of "Father" given to a parish priest. To be your spiritual church father is something I am proud of. To be addressed by you as "Father Bob" is an honor that you bestow on me. (Although in some circumstances, my family and friends just call me "Bob," that is fine too.)

Today we ask the Lord to help and bless all those who are fathers among us. We pray too that children, young or grown, will always love and respect their own father and the men who have been like a father to them, in giving them life, nourishing them, protecting them, guiding them, and loving them.

*Sing, my tongue,
the Saviour's glory,
Of His Flesh, the mystery sing;
Of the Blood, all price exceeding,
Shed by our Immortal King,
Destined, for the world's
redemption,
From a noble Womb to spring.*

- Saint Thomas Aquinas

FIRE CHIEF NEIL SVETANICS, 1940-2017

Speaking of fathers, the St. Raphael Parish Family lost a really good father last week, Neil Svetanics, who was buried from St. Raphael Church last Monday. All four of his daughters and sons-in-law are members of our parish – a very tight knit family with Neil as the patriarchal father. His wife, Judy, passed into eternal life four years ago. Neil was known for having his priorities right – God, family, and country, but I would have to say that being a fire fighter and the fire chief for the city was right up there in the running. Now we will have one less at 7am Mass every day; maybe somebody new can take his place at daily Mass. God bless you, Neil, and all your family!

Firefighter's Prayer

*When I am called to duty, God,
whenever flames may rage;
Give me strength to save some life,
whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child
before it is too late;
Or save an older person
from the horror of that fate.
I want to fill my calling and to give
the best in me; To guard my every
neighbor and protect his property.
And if, according to my fate,
I am to lose my life;
Please bless with your protecting
my children and my wife.*

SERVERS FOR JUNE 19/25

Monday/Tuesday- June 19-20

7:00 am Kristina Videmschek Abby Stein

Wednesday/Thursday - June 21-22

7:00 am Lydia Bick Isabella Pfeiffer

Friday - June 23

7:00 am Miranda Sullenger Gillian Neal

Saturday - June 24

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4:30 pm Ellie Guenther Cate Guenther
Mady Shine

Sunday - June 25

8:00 am Anna Mersinger Gavin Smith
Mateo Switzer

10:00 am Henry Cyr Abby Stein
Jack Stein

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 18th

8:00 am Bart Saracino
10:00 am Howard Sheldon

Monday, June 19th

7:00 am Hodes Family SI

Tuesday, June 20th

7:00 am Ralph Raskas

Wednesday, June 21st

7:00 am Marcia Matreci

Thursday, June 22nd

7:00 am Henry T. Barbera Tepe SI

Friday, June 23rd

7:00 am Codi Alexander

Saturday, June 24th

7:00 am Ernie Winkelmann
4:30 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, June 25th

8:00 Jane Bottini
10:00 Henry Tepe SI

WEEKEND OF JUNE 24/25, 2017

4:30 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am

LECTORS:

Bob Ahrens Kevin Liddy Dennis Matreci

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Helen Doyle	Lorraine Gurley	Joe Zulich
Bob Ahrens	Sue Lawton	Dan Harbaugh
Maureen Ahrens	Amy Ruggeri	Mary Alice Goedecker
George Kerry	Rosita Koehler	Amy Schisler
Margie Auer	Tony Mariani	Lori Ashmore-Ruppel
	Barbara Cramer	Matt Fuhr
		Anna Skidmore

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE 10/11, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$6,046.00
Online Giving	\$2,607.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$8,653.00
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,000.00

Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$400,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Total	\$374,137.00
Shortfall	\$ 25,863.00

Online Giving: To access our Online Giving Portal, go to straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving.

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study continues on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. No need to sign up; just come.

STRETCH/FLEXIBILITY CLASS

Exercise class for mature parishioners of SRA. I would like to welcome all women and men to a stretch/flexibility low-impact class on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 - 9:45 am in the rectory lower level, running June 20 through July 28. The cost will be \$2.00 per session. You will need to bring your own hand weights, one old tie/scarf and a towel. If interested, please sign up with Diane in the office (314.352.8100). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. Hope to see you there!



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IN THIS

EXPERIENCE!

JustFaith transforms people and expands their commitment to social ministry. Our Christian faith extends an invitation to each of us to become agents of God's compassion and healing in a wounded world. Through prayer, study, dialogue and immersion experiences, participants form community as they explore critical realities and the implications to their lives and their faith. This is a 24-week class based on the 7 principles of Catholic social justice laid out by bishops to explore how to care for the poorest among us and our planet. All are welcome. Class will be held Thursday evenings from 6:30-9pm, beginning October 12 through early May, at Our Lady of Sorrows. To learn more contact, Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941 or visit the JustFaith website at JustFaith Ministries. JustFaith changes people. Those people change the world.



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SCHOOL OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Formed in Faith, Prepared for Life

FAITH – St. Raphael the Archangel School guides its students as they form their knowledge of the Catholic faith and their love for Jesus Christ, in an environment that promotes compassionate hearts through habits of personal prayer, reflection, and community service.

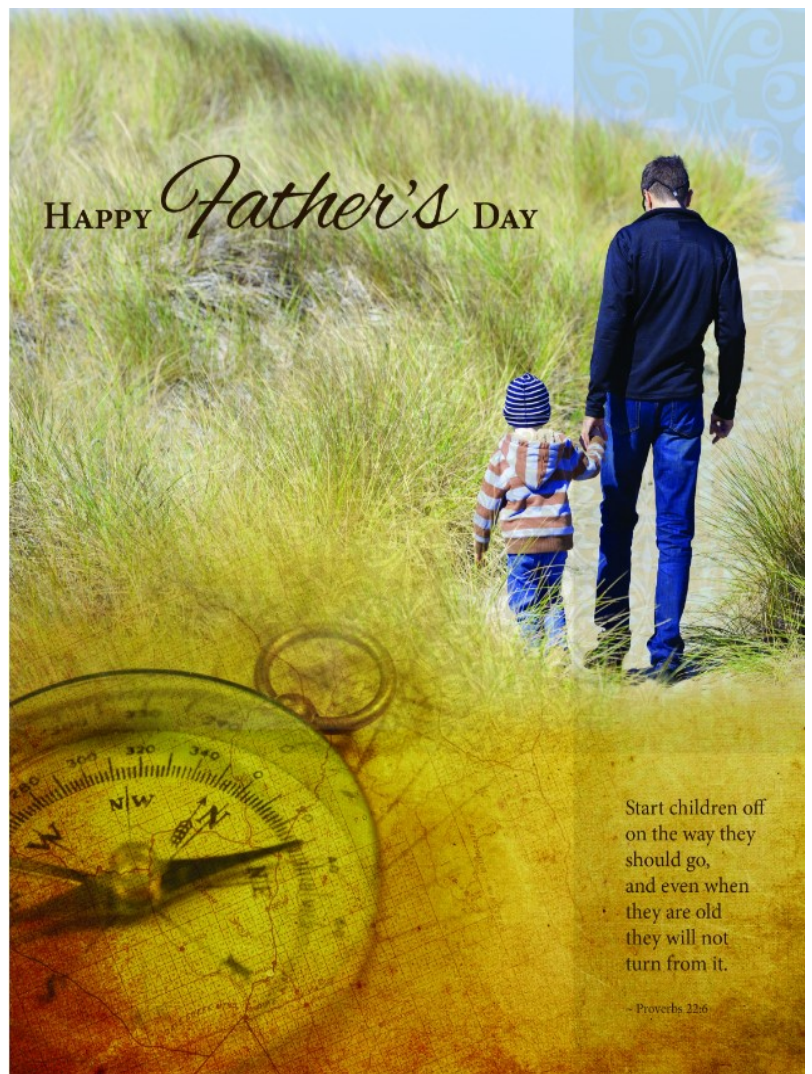
CHARACTER – Our school and parish community endeavor to develop each student’s character by modeling and practicing the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. We nurture our students’ perseverance, sense of gratitude, leadership, and ability to make informed moral choices.

ACADEMICS – We utilize a rigorous, measurable academic program that develops critical thinking skills, promotes imagination, celebrates individual gifts and talents, and fosters a life-long love of learning.

Small Design, BIG Results

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A RECRUITER FOR ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL!

You are invited to actively recruit families from our area to enroll in our outstanding Catholic School. We have several openings in each grade level from first grade to eighth grade. There are only about two openings left in kindergarten; so anyone interested needs to act quickly. If you know someone who is interested, have that person call SRA School at 314.352.9474.



Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

– Proverbs 22:6

We are into our third week of summer camp and all is great. The kids are having a good time playing and just having fun. We had Pokémon week and went to Purina farms our field trip. For the Pokémon week we made poke' balls, Pokémon characters, had a scavenger hunt and a Pokémon battle. Purina farms was filled with excitement and new adventures. The kids loved watching a cow get milked and visiting all the farm animals. The dog show i think was the best show ever. After Purina Farms we went to a local park to have lunch and enjoy the beautiful weather. Next week will be Big Art week and that should be some big fun. Thank You and God Bless.



**SAINT RAPHAEL HOUSE FLAGG
& GARDEN FLAG**

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Garden-size Flag 12" x 18"	\$18
House-size Flag 28" x 40"	\$25
Metal Garden Flag Stand	\$10

Please make checks payable to SRA PTA with this form. Please place in collection basket. Flags will be delivered to your home or arrangements can be made for pickup.

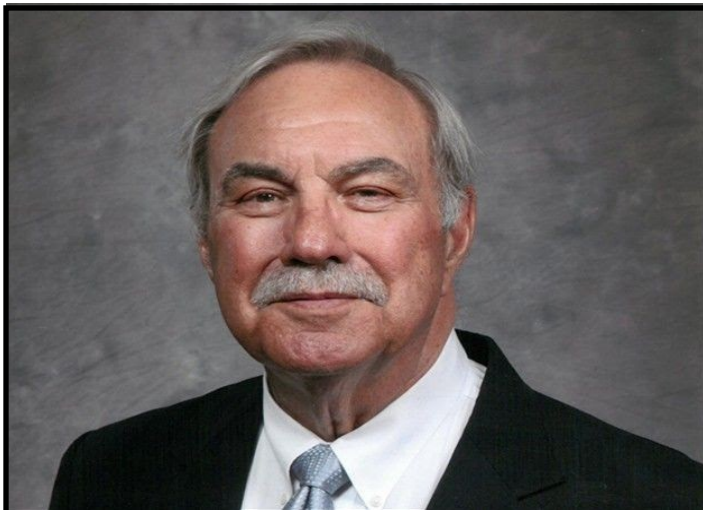


PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Do you know of a neighbor or parishioner who is physically unable to receive the sacraments due to an inability to physically attend Mass? If so, please contact us with a name or the name of a caregiver so we can reach out to help. Please respond by calling the parish office, or by calling or emailing Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net.

Upcoming Events

Sun. June 18 Corpus Christi Procession
Sun. June 18 Father's Day
Tues. June 20 Flexibility Class Starts



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Neil Svetanics who passed away on June 7, 2017. Neil was the beloved husband of the late Judy Svetanics and father of parishioners Maureen (Mark) Jacquot, Katie (John) Fischer, Amy (Mike) Ruggeri and Lisa (Mark) Mitchell and grandfather of eight. The funeral service was held at St. Raphael the Archangel on Monday, June 12, 2017. Please keep his family in your prayers at this difficult time.



From ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Save the date! On Saturday, September 16, we will have a collection truck on our parking lot for your gently used discards to be given to St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING PRE-SCHOOL HEAD ROOM PARENT FOR 2017-2018

This person will work directly with Jenny Delf, Head Room Parent, while overseeing the Preschool Room Parents. General duties include;

- Secure a room parent for each Preschool class
- Make sure all Preschool-room parents have completed Protecting God's Children
- Check in on all classroom parties (Halloween, Christmas and Mardi Gras)
- Work with School Head Room Parent and PTA as needed

Requirements for this position:

- Must have completed Protecting God's Children
- Have a child who has completed at least 1 semester at SRA Preschool (full or part time)
- Have at least 1 year remaining at SRA Preschool (one or more children)

If you are interested in submitting your name for this position, or have questions, please contact Jenny Delf at JenniferLdelf@gmail.com. All names will be put into a hat and drawn by a PTA board member at the next PTA meeting.

ROSARY RECITATION

The Rosary helps us to be conformed in Christ, because no one was more conformed to Him than his Mother, Mary. To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful heart of Mary. SRA invites any and all to pray the Rosary each week on Tuesday evenings, at 7:00pm in the Church. *May Mary hold your hands and help you along the great and sublime paths.*



Journey with Jesus!

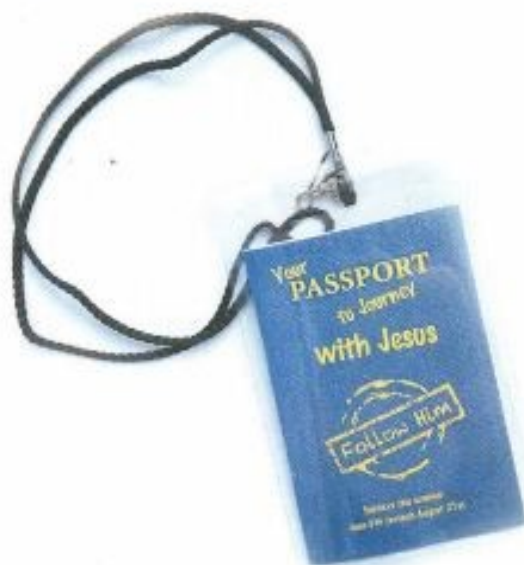
Kids! Join us at Mass
this summer and bring
Your Passport to Journey with Jesus!

Wear your "Passport" to Mass and answer
"What did Jesus say on His journey today?"

June 4th-August 20th



Hope to see
you at Mass!





Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Join us this Wednesday, June 18 from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we continue our summer series! We will hear a witness talk from seminarian Andrew Auer, play games, and grow in community. Please see saintlouis-lifeteen.org for more information.

YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS

The Young Catholic Musicians is holding auditions during June. These young people (aged 10-17) represent over 50 parishes and schools in the St. Louis area. They learn quality liturgical music and lead the music for Mass once each month at different parishes. Singers and/or instrumentalists who are interested should contact Fr. Bruce Forman at 314.231.7464 or Mrs. Mary Smith at 314.962.9260.



"Generation after generation, day after day, we are asked to renew our faith. We are asked to LIVE THE REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS as Mary, our Mother of Charity, did. We are invited to 'leave home' and to OPEN OUR EYES AND HEARTS TO OTHERS." *Pope Francis, Homily at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity*

The office has mailed the Annual Catholic Appeal cards to the parishioners who have not yet contributed this year. Please be generous to this annual drive that supports a wide variety of Archdiocesan programs. Please return the card with your contribution or pledge to the Parish Office or simply put it into the Sunday collection basket.

Thank you for your past support.
The Parish ACA Committee



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

You & your family are invited to enjoy an evening of faith, fellowship and fun on Saturday, July 8, 2017 in celebration of the 49th anniversary of the release of *Humanae Vitae* (July 25, 1968), a foundation encyclical on family love & the sanctity of life. Join friends from around the St. Louis area for this anticipated annual event sponsored by the Office of Natural Family Planning. Mass will be celebrated at 5 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis by Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, D.D., J.C.L., Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis, followed by a dinner catered by Pasta House and family entertainment in Boland Hall. Adults - \$12.00; Children (ages 3-11) - \$6.00; or a maximum of \$50.00 per family. Please RSVP by June 30 to 314.997.7576 or stlnfp@archstl.org.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MUSICAL

OLStars presents "The Best of 25 Years" featuring songs and performers from shows that span the first 25 years. Tickets are \$7.00 each. Show dates are June 22, 23, and 24 at 7:30 pm and June 25 at 2:00 pm. Performances are held in OLS Parish Hall at 5030 Rhodes Ave. Receive ticket information by contacting Dolly at 314.285.7093. Choose your best date to come and join the fun!

ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 7:00 pm, Saint Catherine Laboure's parish cafeteria, 9740 Sappington. A representative of the South County YMCA will cover the topics of Tai Chi, chair movements and light, weight-bearing exercises for seniors. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your story with caring people. For more information please call Pat Lynch at 314.537.5930 or Bill DeCoursey at 314.894.0733.

